

*Eighth Annual Celebrate
Literacy Week, Florida!*



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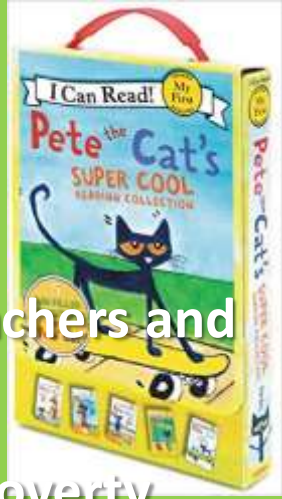
**Hobbs Middle 2016 Literacy-Civics School Service
Project**

Celebrate Literacy Week Theme for 2016:

**“Literacy
Changes Our
World”**

How did Hobbs Middle School play a vital part in helping to develop productive citizens and fluent readers?

Timeline of Events



October 2015:

- Literacy Coach received notice of Civics Literacy Project and met with administrators, teachers and club sponsors to seek interest
- Using Free and Reduced lunch data, we decided to target two feeder schools with high poverty rates

November 2015:

- SGA and BETA clubs joined with 7th Grade Civics classes to establish a theme, generate interest, and raise funds
- Pete the Cat book packs were ordered for 40 Pre-K and Head start students
- Selected students received and wrote notes to elementary buddies and packaged books for delivery

December 2015:

- Hobbs students visited Bagdad Elementary and Rhodes Elementary to read to students and to distribute book packs

Our Goal:

Students, teachers, and the community will collaborate to engage students in a project to promote, foster, and encourage good citizenship and enhance literacy in our community, schools, and beyond.

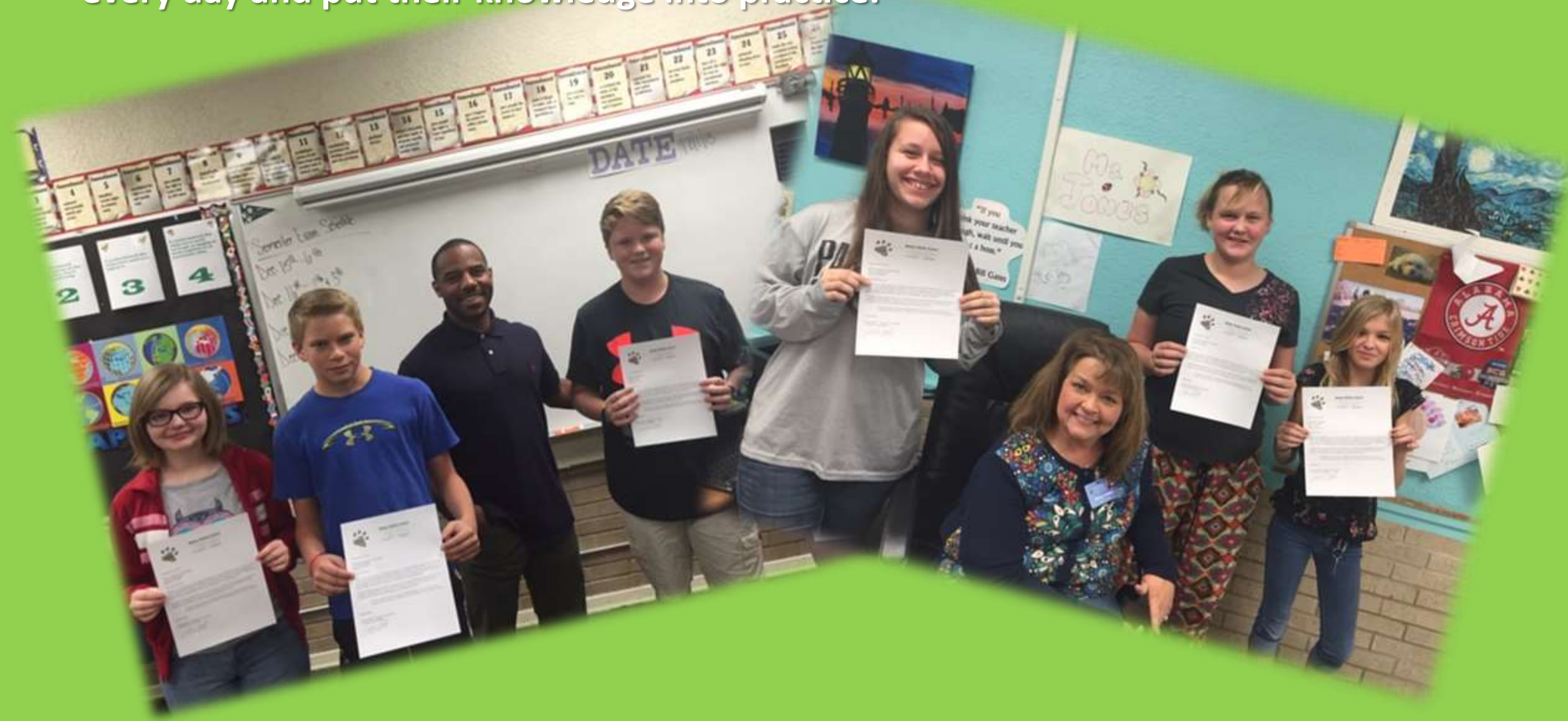
Our Theme:



**Starting with a Spark to
Fan the Flames:**

**Hobbs Middle School Lights
the Lamp of Literacy for
Elementary Students**

Mr. Hall's and Mrs. Jones's 7th grade Civics Classes drafted and sent sponsor letters to community businesses. These classes learn about the responsibilities of good citizens every day and put their knowledge into practice.



*A BIG Thanks
to our Sponsors!*

Hobbs Middle School would like to thank the following sponsors for donating to our Civics Literacy project:

School Sponsors: SGA, BETA, History Club, PBS

Business Sponsors:

- Grover T's BBQ
- Dance Academy of Santa Rosa
- Concrete Cowboys
- Ken Kincaid State Farm Insurance

Thanking our sponsors on the Hobbs Middle Website and our school sign. Working together made this possible!

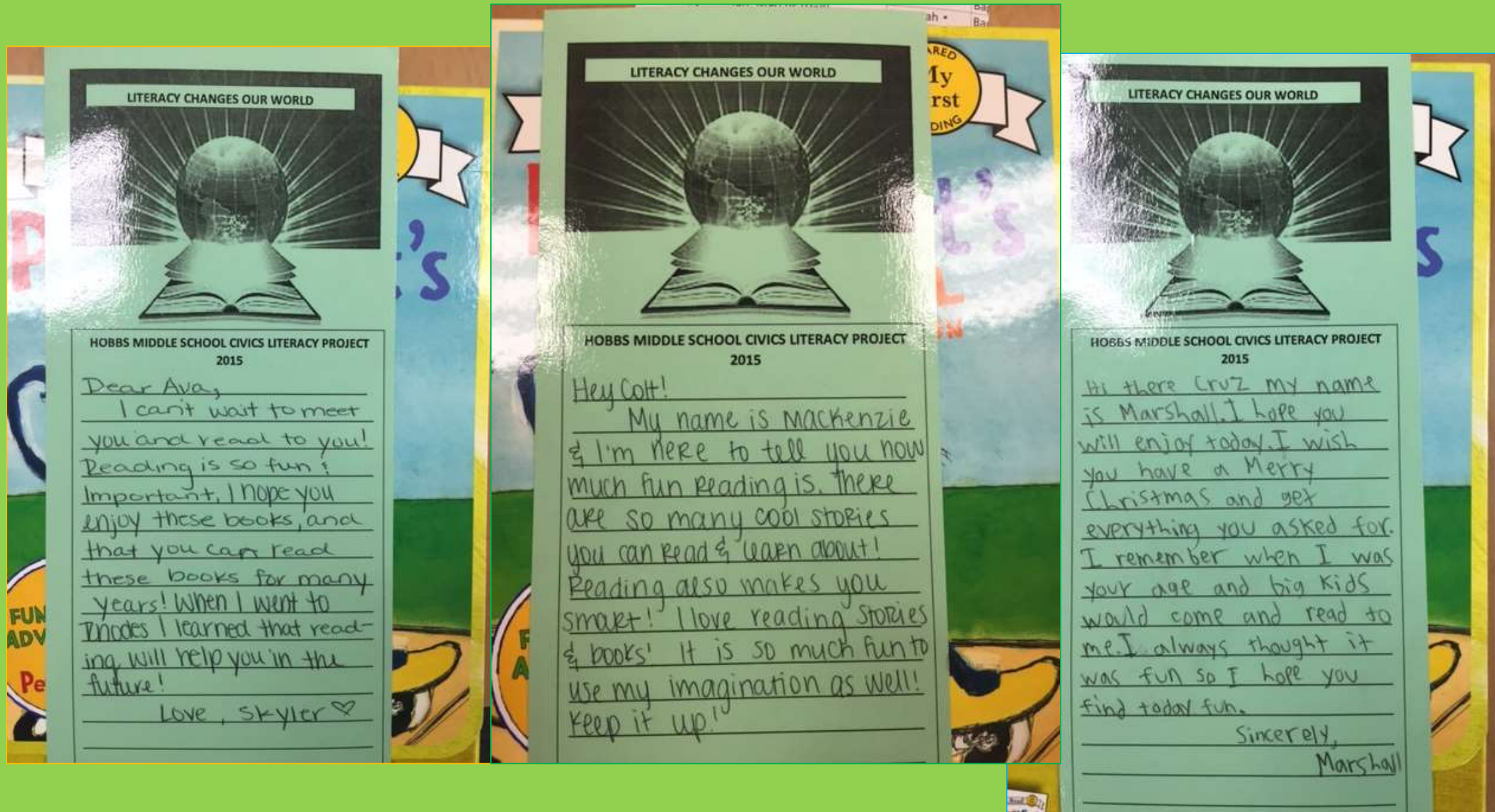


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Using our character education period to write notes to our Pre-K or Head Start buddies.

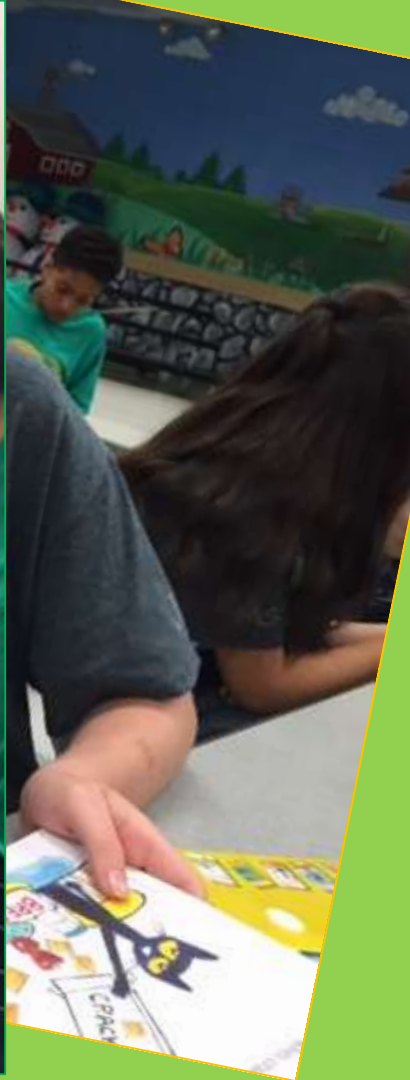
We hope our words will inspire a love of reading





Packing and preparing our books for delivery.

Reading at Bagdad Elementary (71% free and reduced lunch rate)





Reading to Rhodes Elementary's
Pre-K and ESE Pre-K classes (81%
free and reduced lunch rate)

Proud Hobbs Jaguars!



Milton middle school students advocate reading through literacy project

Santa Rosa's Press
Gazette

Read the whole story here:

<http://www.srpressgazette.com/article/20151204/NEWS/151209554/15948>



Matthew Brown | Press Gazette | 

Hobbs Middle School students Emma Dawson, left, and Curry Silcox, right, read to Brantley Lewis, center, of W.H. Rhodes Elementary School in Milton on Friday. Dawson and Silcox were just a few of HMS students to read to the elementary school students of Bagdad and W.H. Rhodes Elementary schools for their Civics Literacy project, which promotes literacy at a young age.

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Hobbs Middle School Civics Literacy Project

On December 7 Hobbs students delivered packs of early reader books to Bagdad Elementary's Head Start and Pre-K classes and to Rhodes Elementary's ESE Pre-K and Pre-K classes. Each middle school student was paired with an elementary student to read and then gift the books. Each book pack had a personal note to the elementary student from his or her middle school buddy about the importance of reading. Funds were raised in the community (Grover T's BBQ, Ken Kincaid, Concrete Cowboys, Dance Academy of Santa Rosa) via sponsor letters composed by Terence Hall's and Stacy Jones's 7th grade Civics classes. School sponsors included Hobbs SGA, BETA, PBS, and History Club. This began as part of an initiative supported by Just Read, Florida! and the Florida Department of Education to encourage literacy in the community.



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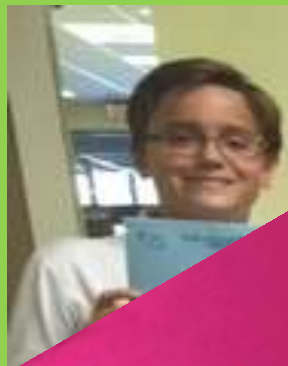
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Pre-K Thank You Notes!



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The pleasure was ours!

THANK YOU K

Bryanne

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What did our students have to say about the
experience?

**“I didn’t want to leave.
I loved how my
partner listened and
smiled at me.”**

*“I wish we could come
every week! The little
boy I was reading to
hugged me and asked me
when I could come
back.”*

“The little boy I
read to thought he
had to give the
books back. When
he understood that
they were his to
keep, he was so
happy. He told me
he had never had
new books before. I
want to do this
again.”

“It was so sad to leave. It made
me feel like I was doing
something great! I could have
read to them all day!”

**“When we got back I asked
my teacher if there was
anywhere else I could read to
little kids. Maybe on the
weekends or after school.”**

Project Summary:

In only a few weeks, students at Hobbs Middle in Milton, Florida managed to coordinate efforts within their school and community to raise over \$500 to complete our Civics Literacy Project. Hobbs students involved in this effort realized that the elementary students they were helping would one day walk the hallways of Hobbs Middle, too. Being able to provide new books for a student population that struggles financially is at the heart of good citizenship, especially when many students at Hobbs know this struggle first-hand. Teachers shed tears of joy, students smiled ear-to-ear, and ALL experienced the power of literacy. A good story and a good giggle make for a lasting gift. Regardless of the contest results, Hobbs Middle is determined to change our world through a continued partnership with young students in our district.

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